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Renata B. Hesse
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Dear Ms. Hesse:

I believe that this country is becoming far too litigious. Lawsuits destroy our innovative spirit and, especially during economic times such as these, hinder the ability of corporate America to grow and create jobs for our citizens.

The lawsuit against Microsoft is just one example of overzealous litigation. Suing a corporation for its innovation and capitalistic pursuits does nothing but deter other companies from investing in new technologies. Rather, we need to foster market solutions to issues affecting the technology industry. Such solutions will foster growth in the economy and create jobs; conversely, litigation such as that against Microsoft has the exact opposite effect.

Companies like Microsoft are built by innovative ideas coupled with the willingness to invest in the promotion of those ideas. The lawsuits against Microsoft appear to have been initiated by its competitors, which could set a dangerous precedent for using the courts to circumvent the legislative process.

While I do not believe Microsoft should have been sued in the first place, I support the settlement reached between Microsoft and the Justice Department as a means to end this litigation. Closure on the litigation is beneficial to the entire technology industry. Thank you for the opportunity to relay my thoughts on this matter.

Very truly yours,



Jason L. Unger